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1. Location of airfield — Southeast of Szprotawa.

2. Function — A former blind-flying training school of the German air force, it is now used by the Soviet air force for the same purpose. Duration of the training course is not known; the last change in trainees occurred in February 1950.

3. Area — 1,100 m x 700 m.

4. Runways — Grass, with 1 concrete runway strip:
   Length approximately 1,000 m
   Width " 25 m
   Thickness " 25 cm
   The concrete runway can be used by jet aircraft only when there is a strong head wind. The grass runway is used generally in a diagonal direction for take-offs.

5. Railroad — The field is not connected with any railroad.

6. Prevailing wind — West (290°).

7. Night flying — Installations are available for lighting the airfield and obstacles. There is no permanent flare path installation for night flying.

8. Units — Total personnel are approximately 1,200, of whom flying personnel are about 400. Two squadrons for single-jet fighter aircraft are stationed there.

9. Aircraft — 15 Soviet jet fighters
   1 FW 200 (Condor II)
   1 He-177
   1 Ju-57
   6 4-engined Soviet aircraft

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